

Application No.: 09/922,928

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REMARKS

In response to the Examiner telephone call of February 10, 2004, requesting that minor changes be made to the claims to place them in immediate condition for allowance, claims 1, 8, 15, 19, 21, and 31 are amended. These claims are not amended for any statutory reason relating to patentability, they are merely changed to add clarity. The amendment is not in response to any rejection for indefiniteness, for example. Claims 16 and 18 are withdrawn. Claims 6, 7, 13, and 14 were previously cancelled without prejudice to their underlying subject matter.

The recited "holes or recesses" of claims 1, 15, and 19 now are further defined as "extending below said substantially smooth surface." This change does not further limit the scope of the claims since a "hole" or a "recess," as originally claimed, naturally extends below the surface of whatever medium in which the "hole" or "recess" is found. Also, based on telephone conversations with the Examiner, Applicants wish to point out that the scope of claims 27, 33, and 34, inter alia, includes intermediate lens pads having textures or surface features not limited to holes, recesses, or protuberances.

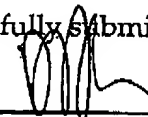
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In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application (claims 1-5, 8-12, and 15-39) is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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